

Camping Requirements

ITINERARY: The enclosed permit is valid only for the dates, places, trip leader, and group size indicated. To request further changes, you must return your permit to the Backcountry Office.

FIRES: Wood and charcoal fires are not permitted in backcountry areas of the Grand Canyon. Only camp stoves are approved.

WATER: In warmer months it is recommended that every hiker carry at least 4 quarts (4 liters) per person per day. All natural water sources in the Grand Canyon backcountry need to be purified before use. Recommended purification procedures include boiling, water filtration, and chemical treatments. Every effort should be made to protect wilderness water sources from contamination. Soap must not be used in any water source. Carry dishes well away from water sources before washing, and carry out ALL food scraps that are not eaten. Have additional food, water, and emergency supplies available in your car for when you top out.

FOOD STORAGE: All food and garbage should be hung to keep it away from animals even during the day. A nylon stuff sack is recommended for this purpose over plastic bags or expensive backpacks. Use the ammo cans provided for food storage at Cottonwood, Indian Garden, and Bright Angel campgrounds.

TRASH: Pack out all trash!! Do not bury garbage!! If you carried it in, you need to carry it out.

TOILETS: You must use toilets where there are available. Only toilet paper and human waster can be deposited in toilets, no trash! Do NOT burn toilet paper. Out of control toilet fires have destroyed toilet structures and many acres of inner canyon vegetation.

SANITATION: Water sources are easily contaminated by fecal matter. This is the water you and others will be drinking. Where toilets are not available, defecate at least 100 feet (30 meters) from water sources and drainages. Dig a hole 4 to 6 inches deep in mineral soil (not beach sand) and deposit feces. Do not bury toilet paper (it is garbage and will not remain buried). Use plastic bags to carry it out with other trash. When at the beach, urinate directly in the river or the adjoining wet sand.

FISHING: An Arizona State license is required for all fishing. It is your responsibility to know state fishing regulations and comply with them.

PETS: NO PETS are permitted in backcountry areas of the park. Horses and mules may be allowed only on the Bright Angel and Kaibab Trails when authorized in your permit.

CAMPsites: Choose campsites in places that have already been impacted or places without vegetation. Avoid narrow drainages during rainy/flash-flood season. Do not alter campsites by digging, trenching, moving rocks or vegetation.

Grand Canyon National Park
BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT REQUEST FORM
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FAX (928) 638-2125

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization Name: _____

of People: _____ Vehicle #1 State: ____ Lic. Plate: _____

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First Choice:

	Date	Use Area or Campsite
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____

Second Choice:

	Date	Use Area or Campsite
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____

Third Choice:

	Date	Use Area or Campsite
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____

WILLING TO ACCEPT VARIATIONS TO: ☐ START DATE (BETWEEN _____ AND _____) ☐ CAMPSITES ☐ TRIP LENGTH (____ MAXIMUM) (AFFECTS COSTS)